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WAITING LIST OF SIM CARDS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of persons in the country particularly in Maharashtra provided with the BSNL mobile Sim Cards;

(b) whether there is a huge demand of these cards in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of persons in waiting list in Nasik district seeking the above connections; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to clear the above waiting list?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) As on 31.1.2005, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has provided 8699352 Cellular connections in country including Maharashtra. District-wise number of persons provided with the BSNL Mobile connections in the State of Maharashtra are given in the Annexure. The district-wise details of mobile connections in other states are being collected.

(b) & (c) Due to countrywide coverage and good quality of service, there has been a demand of BSNL`s mobile Service in the country as can be seen from the fact that capacities added are translated into subscriber and as on 31.01.2005, 8699352 subscribers are availing the service fully loading the existing capacity.

(d) As a policy, no waiting list is being maintained for cellular connections particularly in a highly competitive environment in the State of Maharashtra including Nasik district.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT WISE INFORMATION OF CELLULAR CONNECTIONS IN MAHARASHTRA

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Total Connections
1	Ahmednagar	29050
2	Akola	9499
3	Washim	1396
4	Amravati	9837
5	Aurangabad	21824
6	Beed	10206
7	Bhandara	4036
8	Gondia	5004
9	Buldhana	7990
10	Chandraur	9780
11	Dhule	9354
12	Nandurbar	1841
13	Gadchiroli	3602
14	North Goa	19268
15	South Goa	24929
16	Jalgaon	17435
17	Jalna	8083
18	Kalyan	61288
19	Kolhapur	33935
20	Latur	12500
21	Nagpur	46478
22	Nanded	13565
23	Nasik	43449
24	Osmanabad	8431
25	Parbhani	7205
26	Hingoli	2045

27	Pune	157465
28	Raigad	16331
29	Ratnagiri	12801
30	Sangli	15550
31	Satara	13670
32	Sindhudurg	11394
33	Solapur	21934
34	Wardha	9027
35	Yeotmal	10075
Total		690277